The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on August 24, 2001, Dr. John A. Campa, III, M.D., a practicing physician, formerly of Nashville, TN, appeared before U.S. District Judge Curtis Collier, Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN, for sentencing. Dr. Campa was sentenced to 24 months incarceration followed by a period of supervised release of 3 years, \$219,650.36 restitution, and a special assessment of \$5,550. Campa was ordered to perform 150 hours of community service.

The sentencing is a result of a 5-year long, multi-agency Federal task force investigation focusing on health care fraud in middle and eastern Tennessee. The investigation disclosed Dr. Campa submitted false claims for reimbursement to Federal health care benefit programs, including TRICARE, and private insurance plans. Campa owned and operated Nashville Neuro-Pain Corporation and was the sole medical practitioner associated with the business. Campa submitted claims for services and supplies not provided and also disguised the true nature of other procedures by using unrelated billing codes with higher reimbursement rates.